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## District Newsletter

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*A note from our Superintendent... Dr. Robert M. Beach*



If you are the parent or guardian of a third, sixth, or eighth grade student, you know that he or she took the State of Indiana ISTEP test last fall. You also should have received information from your school regarding how well your student did on the test.

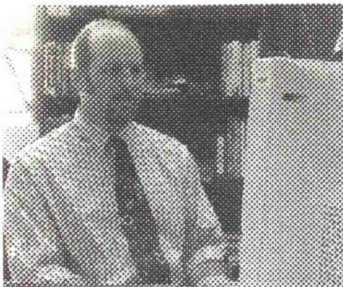
If your son or daughter did not get a passing score on either the language arts or math portion of the test, he or she needs to enroll in our summer school program. This program entitled, Jump Start, is the last four weeks of summer in each elementary school and the Lake Ridge Middle School. The summer classes are strictly

geared toward helping students in preparing for the ISTEP test.

Later this spring, you will be receiving a letter from my office asking you to enroll your son or daughter in our Jump Start program. Please watch for the letter and please enroll your son or daughter in Jump Start this summer.

If your son or daughter is enrolled at our high school and needs to take a portion of the ISTEP+ test, the high school has offerings as well. Please note the summer opportunities for remediation. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Broome at the high school or one of the counselors.

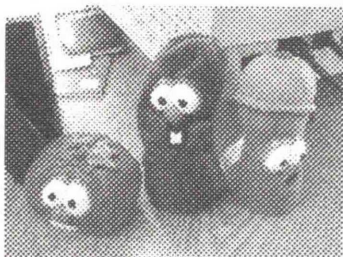
### MEET OUR NEW TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR MR. JAY DREW



We welcome Mr. Jay Drew as the new Technology Director of the Lake Ridge Schools. Mr. Drew taught Science for 4 years in Valparaiso and was the Technology Director in Lowell for the past 3 years.

Mr. Drew received his Bachelors degree in Biology, Physics and Chemistry at Mankato State University in Minnesota and received his Masters in Instructional Technology at Purdue University. When asked what his greatest skill is, Mr. Drew responded: "It is in motivating, assisting and training teachers in the use of technology in the classroom." Mr. Drew spent the last three years developing and implementing a highly successful program of technology staff development for Tri-Creek School Corporation.

Mr. Drew is married to Tricia and they have three children: Benjamin (4 1/2), Rebekah (2) and Aaron (7 months).



On a lighter note...Jay "snarls" some times but this is just a way of scaring off the uncommitted. Sometimes you can find him in his office working but he seems to have a lot of toys scattered around his desk that we suspect he plays with when no one is watching.





## LAKE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CAREER EXPLORATION

Lake Ridge Middle School has devoted the first three months of the millennium helping its students explore career opportunities. On Wednesday, January 25, 2000, forty (40) students attended the Building Trades Faire at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville. The fair, hosted by the Construction Advancement Foundation, allowed students to consider the possibility of a construction profession.

Eleven of Mrs. Flint's Careers students participated in Indiana Job Shadow Day on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The seventh graders spent several hours in fields related to their chosen profession. Andre Cooper visited a chef at Briar Ridge Country Club. Cooper stated, "I cooked steak, mixed vegetables, and chopped parsley. I also helped haul food into the freezer. It was cool but the only bad thing about it was that I had to stand all day."

Bill Reiser and Don Clark were chosen to be mechanics at Terpstra's Marine in Griffith while Doug Padgett, Chris Mays and Conley Woods saw how the construction industry works at Stash Construction also in Griffith. Woods said, "We helped to reconstruct a house that had been burned down, estimated costs of construction, and looked at architectural plans on the computer. It was pretty fun and we learned a lot."

The Sheet, Tin and Metal Apprentice School in Gary were hosts to Adam Flores, Kevin Standefer, John Perez, and Wes Mahler. Jarrod Imer, who visited Griffith's Machine and Fabricating Shop said, "Randy Voorhies showed us how to make bearings and a nameplate. He also showed us how to sandblast. I thought it was fun because we got hands-on experience instead of just being told about machinery and computers."

Also, on February 9<sup>th</sup>, Melissa Barry, Yvonne Acevedo, Melissa Adams, Tamantha Boozer, and Millicent Wyatt attended a class on Theatrical Make-up at Creative Hair Styling Academy in Highland.

As a conclusion to Career Exploration, Lake Ridge Middle School is holding a Career Fair on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend with their parents. The Career Fair will host guest speaker Charles Elam, a Calumet High School graduate. Elam is now the General Manager of Residence Inn in Merrillville, Indiana.



Pictured top left: Conley Woods, Betty Stash, Doug Padgett and Chris Mays at Stash Construction.

Pictured bottom left: John Perez and Wes Mahler at Sheet, Tin and Metal Apprentice School in Griffith.

Pictured center: Andre Cooper at Briar Ridge in Schererville.

Pictured top: Tamantha Boozer, Millicent Wyatt and Yvonne Acevedo modeling for the Creative Hair Styling Academy in Highland.





## **BREAKFAST WITH MR. MASTEJ LAKE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Lake Ridge Middle School students with perfect attendance were honored with a special breakfast on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000. LRMS staff served the 93 students with eggs, toast donuts, juice and milk. Sonae Choate, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student who hasn't missed a day of school since kindergarten said, "I was honored because a lot of people don't make it that long without missing a day of school. It was nice to be appreciated."

70 of the students were honored for perfect attendance in the first semester of the 99/2000-school year and 23 students for the second semester. The students received pencils, rulers, and free admittance to a game at LRMS and a certificate for their outstanding attendance records.



## **HOSFORD PARK END OF SCHOOL INFORMATION**

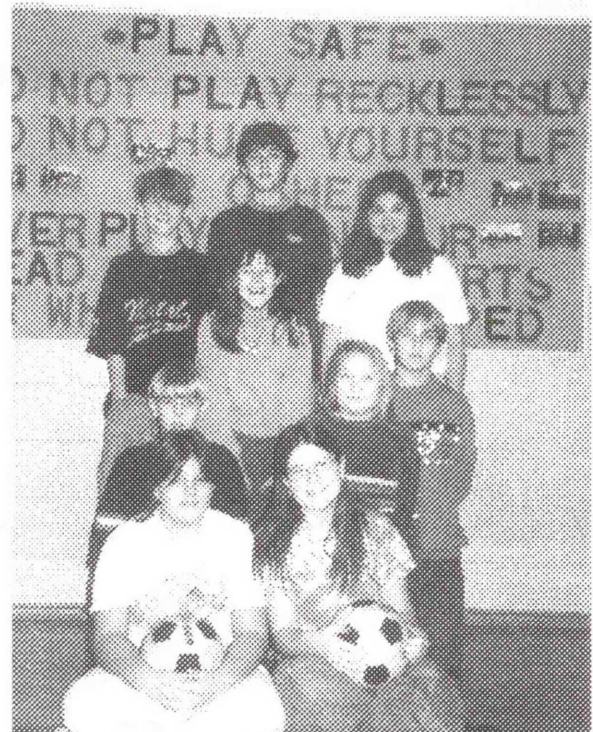
It seems like time really flies by when you are teaching and learning new things. The last day of school this year will end on June 8, 2000. I am encouraging all of our students, 1st - 5th grade to attend the "Jump Start" summer school program. This program will strengthen your child or children in the areas of language arts and math.

In the summer school program the most current resources will be used to promote growth. Teachers will target the areas of weaknesses and strengths to better accommodate your children's needs. Our hope is to raise all of our students test scores. We believe with the support of parents this task can be accomplished. Together we can make a difference.

## **LONGFELLOW FIFTH GRADE SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Longfellow's fifth grade girls and boys had a soccer tournament in December. The games were held during recess. Mr. Karaffa ran the games for the children. The games were filled with lots of excitement and enthusiasm. This was a great deal of fun. They also learned good sportsmanship and how competition can be very exciting. While the fifth grade played, the fourth graders watched and cheered for their favorite team to win. In the end Mrs. Bochnowski's girls won and Mrs. Catchur's boys won for the title of fifth grade soccer champions.

Also, during the months of January and February all of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades had a chance to participate in their own soccer tournaments just like the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This made for many happy teachers and students because the student could be occupied in the gym instead of staying indoors in their classrooms on recess when they were unable to go outside.



### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Champs**

Pictured left to right: (back row): Kyle Krown, Terry Shaffer, Amber Olin; (2nd row): Charles Engstrom, Ashley Rose, Stacy Elkins, West Jensen; (3rd row): Rose Lawson, Kelly Turpin.



## **HOSFORD PARK'S VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**

A good time was on the agenda for everyone who attended the Valentine Dance the night of February 25th. Corsages added the final touch to everyone's dance finery and the gym was transformed into a Valentine paradise with balloons and valentines everywhere.

The evening's music was provided by Entertainment Express, whose two D.J.'s took an active roll in making sure no one went home without sore feet. They accomplished this by playing hip-hop to golden oldies and making sure everyone was up and dancing for "The Chicken Dance and the Macarena."

Punch and cookies were available when the munchies set in and Inter-State Studio was there to capture the evening for a lasting memory photo. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with decorations and refreshments.



Dancing the night away!

## **HOSFORD PARK'S GEOGRAPHY BEE**

Hosford Park's fourth and fifth graders participated in the 12th Annual National Geographic Geography Bee for 2000. The ten finalists were, L. to R. in front: James Jimenez, Larry Alexander, Jessica Tomko, Dustin Denisiuk, Lindsey Gillette; L. to R. standing: Eric Garrett, Jazmin Haynes, Thomas Calhoun, Elizabeth Rattray, and Kelly Wray.

The winner was fifth grader Jessica Tomko. As the school winner, Jessica took a written test. We will be notified if she qualifies for the State Geography Bee.

Sponsor of the Bee was Miss Villalobos, fifth grade teacher. Moderator was Ms. Lohman, the Lake Ridge PACE teacher. Judges were Mrs. Halcarz, and Mrs. Woods, fourth grade teachers, and Mr. Worthington, fifth grade teacher.





## NAVY PEN PALS

Hosford Park's Art teacher, Mrs. Bistransky, has been having her art students write letters to the military since 1983. In the last few years, only Navy addresses have been available.

This year, one of the ships we sent letters to was the U.S.S. Spruance, named after an Admiral Spruance who led Americans through several successful battles in the South Pacific in World War II. Master Chief, Gregory D. Kinder, wrote that they don't get mail too often. He said our package arrived in mid-January near Naples, Italy. Kinder is the senior enlisted sailor on board the ship. He is a fellow Hoosier, having grown up on a farm near Marion/Muncie. His wife graduated from Valparaiso University. It is his responsibility to advise the captain on all issues dealing with the enlisted sailors.

Master Chief Kinder commented that it meant so much to the sailors to receive the letters from our students as many of them were spending their first Christmas away from home. He said it was enjoyable to see them look through the incoming mail and write back to the states about their experiences.

Master Chief Kinder sent Mrs. Bistransky a plaque in honor of her hard work and desire to make the sailor's holiday away from home a bit more special. Chief Kinder went on to comment how much he appreciates our interest in the Armed Forces. In addition, he

enclosed a photo of the ship and a booklet about the history of the ship, a small biography of Admiral Spruance and general information about the ship's size, torpedoes, missiles, etc. Every child in the class received a personal letter from the Sailors, four foreign coins, and a ship's decal. Two other children received another letter, a pen, a T-shirt (with the ship's picture on it, a special coin of the ship and the shark "The Silent Warrior"). The children were thrilled and so was Mrs. Bistransky. The solid walnut plaque will be proudly displayed in our art room.

Mrs. Bistransky stated, "We do these letters to let the people serving our country know we care". This project is a wonderful learning experience for all it touches. Many thanks to the personnel of the U.S.S. Spruance.



Pictured (left to right): Juaniece Jackson, Mrs. Joyce Bistransky and Megan Moon.

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## HOMEWORK HOTLINE NUMBERS

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Black Oak .....    | 989-3012             |
| Grissom .....      | 989-3003             |
| Hosford Park ..... | 980-8763             |
| Longfellow .....   | 989-3019             |
| LRMS .....         | 980-8809             |
| CHS .....          | 989-7858 OR 989-7857 |

## NOTE TWO E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Lake Ridge Schools (with links to all schools):  
[www.lakeridge.k12.in.us](http://www.lakeridge.k12.in.us)

Ensweiler Academy  
(Science Department)  
[www.homestead.com/thewaterworks/Ensweiler.html](http://www.homestead.com/thewaterworks/Ensweiler.html)



## M.A.T.H. COMPETITION

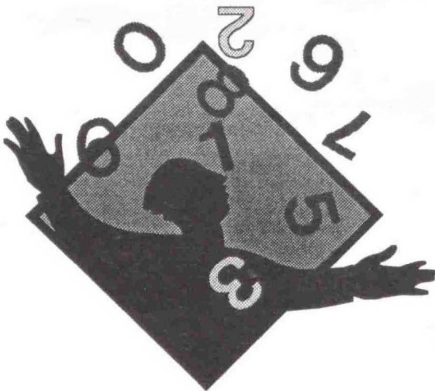
Hosford Park's team participated in the Annual Math Academic Teams for Hoosiers Competition which was held on March 14th at Timothy Ball School in Crown Point.

Throughout the state, 257 teams participated. At our site, nine schools from the area were represented. School classification was according to the number of students in grades 4, 5, and 6. Hosford Park's team consisted of the top 13 math students in grades 4 and 5. In Class 4, Hosford Park placed third and received a certificate and M.A.T.H. Medal.

The coach, Miss Villalobos, would like to thank all who gave their time and effort. Mrs. Shirley, our principal, was student supervisor and driver. Mrs. Malinowski, Reading Lab teacher, was the proctor. Special thanks to the parents for supporting our team. The team wishes to thank our PTC for buying dinner.



M.A.T.H. Team: (L. to R.) FRONT: Cyle Kasper, Billy Evans, Samone Kinsey; MIDDLE: Elizabeth Simons, Jennifer Scott, Kelly Wray, Jessica Tomko, Wyatt Foust; BACK: Alice Young, Amanda Bridegroom, Eric Garrett and Dustin Denisiuk; not pictured: Zack Novath.



## LONGFELLOW PRINCIPAL GETS A PIE IN THE FACE TO RAISE MONEY

As you all know being a mom and having children in school means having fund raisers. Not only do moms say, "OH NO!" not again, but kids sometimes do not have the motivation to go out and sell. So moms and dads get the job of calling relatives and taking things to work.

So as Market Day chairperson, I thought of something that might motivate not only the children to sell, but the parents as well. What I came up with was the child who sells the most pies will present our principal, Mr. Kollross, with a pie in the face. Of course, our principal is always game for something that will help raise funds for our school, and for the parents. I asked our local newspaper to cover the story along with a picture of the winner. What parent wouldn't love to see their child in the newspaper.

The reason for the whole contest is because being a small school, Market Day is our biggest fund raiser. Also Market Day is offering up to 40% profit off the pies sold, and for every 100 pies sold a chance to win a freezer, which our PTC could really use! So as you can see this is a very important fundraiser for our school.

I would like to thank everyone who sold pies. A big CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS, MICHAEL AND MATT WILSON, WHO SOLD 22 PIES AND WEST AND CLINT JENSEN WHO SOLD 20 - YOU'RE AWESOME!!!!!!



**Pie in the Face**

Pictured from left to right: Mr. Kollross, West Jensen, Michael Wilson.



## 2ND ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR AT HOSFORD PARK

This year's science fair was another success! All students in grades K-5 were involved in making projects for the fair. After last year's great showing, we were eager to get the students off and running this year. We saw many exciting projects and were very pleased to see the students using the scientific method.

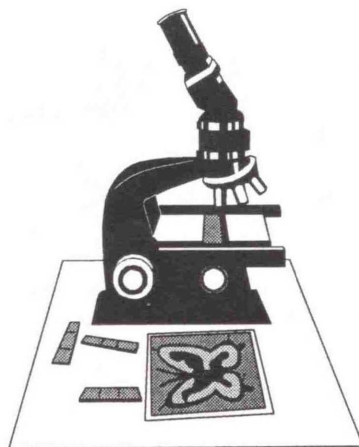
The students worked very hard on their projects and we know many parents contributed time to help their children. A special thank you goes to the parents and teachers who spent time out of their busy days preparing and encouraging the students to do their very best.

It was very evident this year that many students were applying good scientific thought. We try to encourage the students in all grades to use the scientific method when creating their projects and the results were outstanding.

Projects at the kindergarten level were done as a group project. Kindergarteners received participation ribbons for their efforts. Students in grades 1-5 also received participation ribbons as well as first, second and third place per grade level. Congratulations to the following students for winning at their grade level.

|                        |                        |                      |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Grade              |                        |                      |
| 1st...Anna Roessing    | 2nd...Nathan Finnearty | 3rd...Caitlyn Conner |
| 2nd Grade              |                        |                      |
| 1st...Chris Seiber     | 2nd...Heather Nusz     | 3rd...Kayla Mears    |
| 3rd Grade              |                        |                      |
| 1st...George Ezell     | 2nd...Kyle Middleton   | 3rd...Tanita Bond    |
| 4th Grade              |                        |                      |
| 1st...James Jiminez    | 2nd...Cory Lillard     | 3rd...Marques Good   |
| 5th Grade              |                        |                      |
| 1st...Elizabeth Simons | 2nd...Jessica Tomko    | 3rd...Anthony Davis  |

We would like to thank the judges for their time and commitment to our children, they were: Mr. Kwak from Bank Calumet, our own Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. Malinowski, Mrs. Lohman the PACE teacher, and Mrs. Worthington who teaches science in Merrillville. We greatly appreciate all who were involved in making this another success.





## AND THE PASTA WINNERS ARE...

For the past four weeks you could see pennies being brought to school in baggies, coffee cans, cool whip bowls and pant pockets as Hosford Park Elementary School once again participated in the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser. This fundraiser was sponsored by the Leukemia Society of America in which all proceeds have been turned over to.

The sound of pennies being twirled through the hand cranked counting machine became very familiar during each recess as the Hosford Park Student Council members sacrificed their free time to help a very worthy cause.

The friendly competition between classrooms to raise the most money kept everyone on their toes as disguised spys began showing up in various classrooms in hopes of finding out just how much money their competitors had brought in for the day.

In the end, it was Mrs. Brown's Third Grade class that won the very prestigious prize of being treated to a spaghetti luncheon at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Merrillville. Their class total for four weeks was \$667.58! Mr. Scott's First Grade class came in second with \$540.44 and Mrs. Halcarz's Fourth Grade class

came in a very respectable third with \$523.95. The second and third place winners will all receive a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar compliments of the Student Council.

The best news of all is that the Hosford Park students and staff beat their total contribution from two years ago by raising a grand total of \$2,753.26! As a special reward for the entire student body, everyone will be enjoying a "Beach Day" some time in April.

The Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Cashen, would like to convey her heartfelt thanks to the Student Council members for their time and energy, the Hosford Park students for their enthusiasm, the Hosford Park faculty and staff for their continued support, and most especially, Star Amusement, for loaning us the counting machine!



Pictured:

"Mr. X-First Grade  
Master Spy."

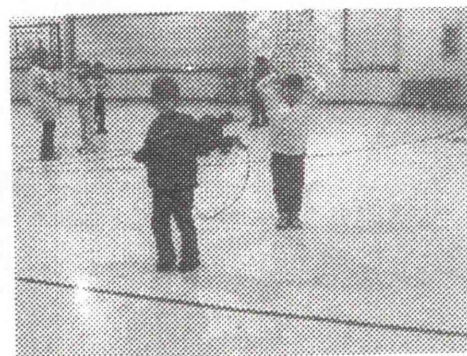
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## JUMP INTO JANUARY

Imagine children having fun playing together, participating in community service, and raising funds for a good cause. That's what Jump Rope for Heart is all about. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Black Oak students had a hopping good time as they held their third annual Jump Rope event.

Mrs. Johnston's class got the students excited as they hung posters around the school with catchy phrases like, "Jump into Y2K." As the event neared, the children were given envelopes to collect donations from the community. Listed on the envelopes were some great prizes the students could earn. The big day came and the students filed into the gym, grabbed a rope, listened to some "jump" music and started to exercise. After a great workout, the kids were given a certificate, a necklace, and a heart healthy snack. Then they signed their name on an enormous red paper heart labeled, "I took part in Jump Rope for Heart."

Mrs. Johnston was proud to see so many students get involved to help fight cardiovascular disease. Her student, Kayla Camp, was the top collector this year. Mrs. Johnston's class was rewarded with a pizza party as they earned the most money. Mrs. Moye's class was a close second. Overall, the students at Black Oak raised over \$600. Thanks again to all students who participated in this very important program.



Pictured: Tiffany Williams and Vanessa Bahena are jumping rope during the annual Jump Rope for Heart program at Black Oak Elementary School.



**CHEMISTRY**  
**"GIFTED HANDS"**  
**By BEN CARSON, MD**

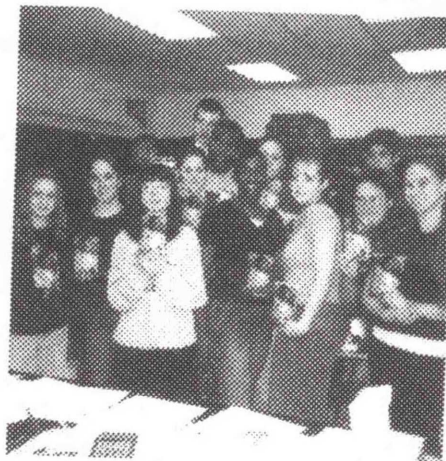
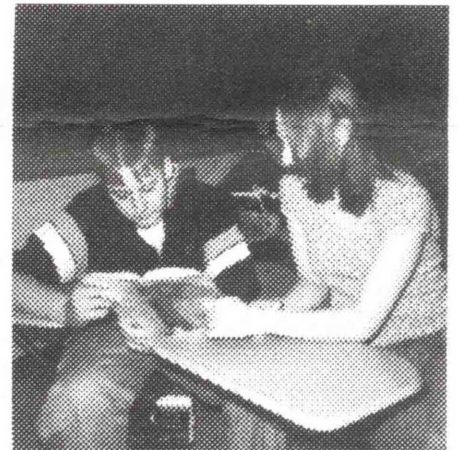
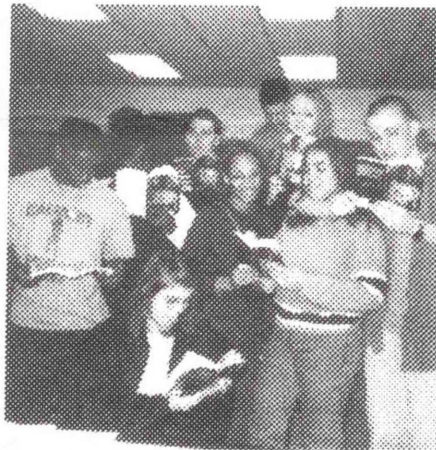
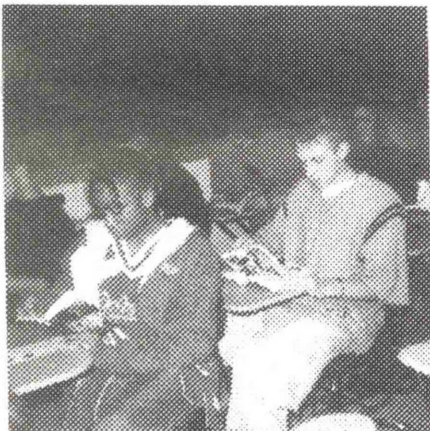


Pictured above: Mrs. Day-Franklin

A multicultural project that integrated the disciplines of science, English, technology, medical terminology, and history was introduced during the month of February in Mrs. Day-Franklin's classroom. Chemistry students studied the life of Dr. Ben Carson, a renowned African-American neurosurgeon that successfully separated Siamese twin boys, formerly joined at the back of their heads.

In the book, "Gifted Hands," Dr. Ben Carson described his life growing up in a Detroit ghetto and how he overcame tremendous obstacles before he became Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Hospital at age 33. Many students commented that the book was a motivational force that allowed them to believe that they too could succeed regardless of the obstacles in their lives if they work hard and don't give up.

Pictured below: Students in  
Mrs. Day-Franklin's class  
during Black History Month –  
"Gifted Hands."



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT BLACK OAK SCHOOL

In observance of Black History Month, Black Oak School had a program on Friday, February 25th. Mrs. Hughes was in charge of getting a speaker, and she asked Dr. Vernon G. Smith. He is our State Representative. Mr. Sauerman, Principal of Black Oak School, welcomed everyone to the program and introduced Dr. Smith.

Some of the students read about famous Black Americans and their contributions. They are as follows: "How Black History Month Got Started"----La Crissa Jones; "The Me I'm Learning To Be"---poem---Alexis Walker.

Louis Armstrong-----Stephanie Beam  
George Washington Carver-----Marcus Harper  
Joe Louis-----Ricky Gomez  
Dr. Martin Luther King-----William Beller  
Garrett Morgan-----Nicole Kurek  
Rosa Parks-----Leila Thompson  
Elizabeth (Bessie) Smith-----Ami Harper  
Jesse Owens-----Eduardo Rico  
Jackie Robinson-----Josh Wallace  
Thurgood Marshall-----Brittney Ryan  
Isabella (Sojourner) Truth-----Jerie Barnes  
Harriet Tubman-----Kyla Graig

With the help of Mrs. Sparks, the Fifth Graders entertained everyone with famous songs like, "He's Got the Whole World In His Hand," "Woke Up This Morning," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Amazing Grace."

In the afternoon, Mr. Roderick Hoffman talked to the boys and girls about his life growing up in South Africa. He is the pastor of Living Waters Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Annette Wells for all her help in planning the program. Also, thanks to Mr. Sauerman, Dr. Beach and our school board members for supporting us.



Indiana State Representative Dr. Vernon Smith was our guest speaker at Black Oak Elementary Schools Black History Month program. He is pictured with Kyla Graig, LaChrissa Jones, Leila Thompson, Josh Wallace, and Stephanie Beam.



Pastor Roderick Hoffman spoke to the students at Black Oak Elementary School during the Black History Month program. Pictured are Mrs. Juanita Hughes, Mr. Dave Sauerman, Pastor Roderick Hoffman, and school board member Mrs. Annette Wells.



**LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**SUMMER 2000**  
**IMMUNIZATION CLINICS**

No Appointments Required.

All clinics are conducted at:  
Lake County Health Department  
2293 N. Main Street  
Crown Point  
Lake County Government Center  
Building A, 3rd Floor  
(219/755-3658)

Regular Open Clinics  
Mondays: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Wednesdays: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Special Clinic for Children Needing  
Boosters for MMR or Td or Hep-B  
Thursdays: June 8th – August 17th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Special Clinic for Children Entering  
School for the First Time (K or 1st Grade)  
Tuesdays: June 6th – August 15th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

2 doses of measles-containing vaccine are required for children in grades six (6) to twelve (12) and students in ungraded classrooms who are 11 to 12 years of age or older by August 1, 2000.



## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

The last day of school for the 1999-2000 school year is Thursday, June 8, 2000. It will be a full day of school for students in the Lake Ridge Schools. Buildings and busses will operate on the regular schedule, this includes students being transported to the Gary Area Career Center.

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR**

Registration for the 2000-2001 school year will be taking place in each of our buildings again in August. The dates for the elementary and middle school registration are: August 9 from 8 AM – 3 PM and August 10 from 11 AM – 6 PM.

For Calumet High School: Registration at the high school will take place as follows:

August 14; Last Names A-G,  
12 PM -3 PM, 4 PM-7 PM

August 15; Last Names H-M,  
9 AM-12PM, 1 PM-4 PM

August 16; Last Names N-S  
12 PM-3 PM, 4 PM-7 PM

August 17; Last Names T-Z  
9 AM-12 PM, 1 PM-4 PM

August 18; New students by appointment only,  
8 AM-2 PM

More information will follow in the July newsletter.

## **JUMP START & SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Please read on a separate page of this newsletter for Jump Start and summer school course offerings for summer 2000 in each of our buildings.

## **ADULT EDUCATION DATE SET**

Mr. Bill Beleslin, Director of Adult Education, announced that graduation ceremonies for area adults enrolled in the Lake Ridge Adult Education Center have been scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lake Ridge Board Room located at the Central Office.

GED Diplomas will be issued to students who have earned their General Education Development Diplomas during the past school year. Diplomas will also be awarded to adults who have completed their high school requirements.

Any adult interested in either the GED or the adult high school program can get more information by calling 989-7816 or visiting the center at 6111 West Ridge Road.

## **HEAD START HIGHLIGHTS**

As the Head Start school year is quickly coming to a close, the following important dates should be noted on your Head Start calendar:

April 10-14      Registration for the 2000-2001  
school year

May 5              Volunteer Appreciation  
Luncheon

May 25            End of Year Trip to  
Celebration Station

June 2 Family Picnic at Oak Ridge Prairie

The Head Start office will close for the summer on June 15, 2000. The office will reopen on August 23, 2000. At that time, we will continue to take applications for enrollment for the 2000-2001 school year.

The Head Start staff wishes everyone a safe and restful summer.



## **JUMP START & SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Jump Start programs will be run at each of our elementary buildings and our middle school. The dates are: July 25-August 18, 2000. The high school program has different dates and times, please see them below.

### **CALUMET HIGH SCHOOL**

Students have an opportunity to enroll in the following summer school classes at Calumet High School:

Drama and/or Fine Arts & Band programs will run for 40 days from June 21-August 18, 2000 (school is closed on July 4).

Swim program. This program is designed to teach swimming to all ages and ability ranges. The ability ranges go from level I (no swimming background) to level VII (master swimming). Three 2-week sessions will be held during the summer mornings (ages 5 and up). The cost is \$17 per session. Class size is limited to 15 students per session. Times of classes are: 8-8:45 a.m.; 9-9:45 a.m.; 10-10:45 a.m. Session 1: June 12-June 23, Session 2: June 26 to July 8, Session 3: July 10 to July 21.

Special Class: Drivers Education. Session A will run from June 21-July 19, 2000 (school is closed on July 4). Session B will run from July 24-August 18, 2000. Classes are limited.

Credit classes: Pre-algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, English, US History, Government/Economics, World Civilization, Life Science, Earth Science, Health, Chemistry and ISTEP Preparation/Remediation.

Session A for credit classes will run from June 21-July 19, 2000 (school is closed on July 4). Session B will run from July 24-August 18, 2000. Both sessions will run from 8 AM - 12 noon.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Classes held will be for ISTEP & Essential Skills. Classes will be held for those **entering** 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade.

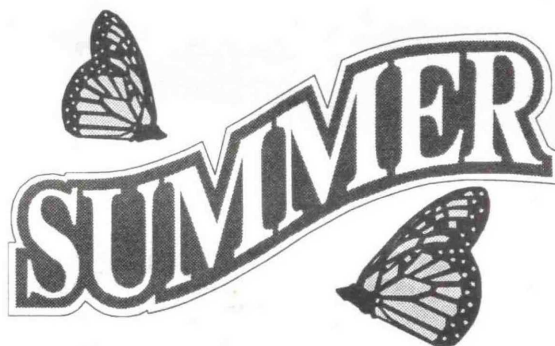
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Classes held will be for ISTEP & Essential Skills. Classes will be held for those **entering** 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade and 9th grade.

### **OTHER NOTED INFORMATION**

You will be receiving information directly from the school your child is enrolled at regarding summer school and the eligibility for summer school.

Classes will be held if 15 or more students are enrolled.





## SPECIAL THANKS...

We sometimes forget to thank those who are often taken for granted, but without them we would not have safe and effective schools.

For instance, Mr. Richard Stewart, a building custodian is pictured below shoveling snow. Our walks are cleared for us upon entry into the buildings. Our maintenance crew diligently works on providing us with cleared walks and parking lots.

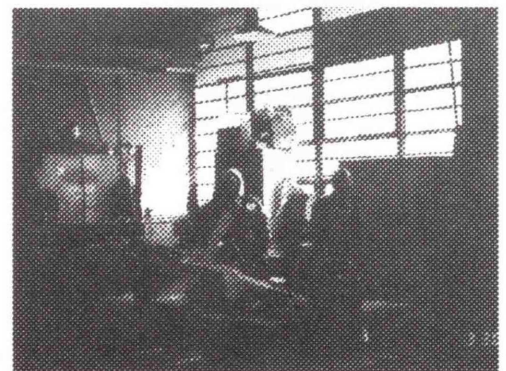
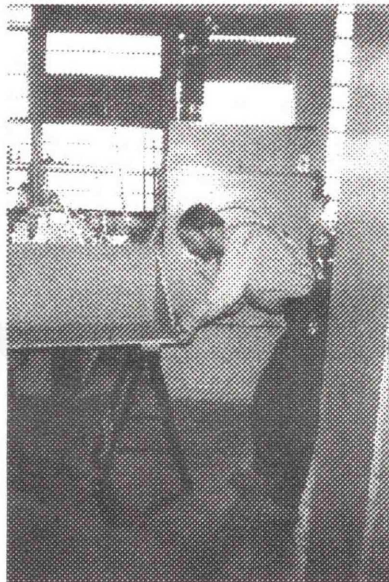
Ms. Dianne Nichols, pictured below, calls our teacher substitutes. Her diligent effort at 5:45 AM (and yes, we said 5:45 AM) allows our schools to run smoothly. Does anyone want this job? Ha!

Mr. Gil Keck is one individual who goes to each of our buildings daily to transport mail and other necessities to keep the communication between our schools open and continuous.

Also pictured below are part of our maintenance crew: Don Rattray, Mike Monik and Roger Azbill. These individuals work to maintain our buildings daily. The rest of our maintenance crew is: Don Watson (maintenance director), Dan Diehl, Fred Hernandez, Verle Huddleston and Mike Joyner.

We also want to thank our custodial/janitorial staff who diligently work to keep our buildings clean. They are: **Central Office:** Millie Valcich, Maria Rodriguez and Judy Parks; **Black Oak Elementary:** Danny Petersen, Clayetta Lawrence, Jerry Peters and Melissa Stewart; **CHS:** Chuck Ellens, Marjorie Estrada, Linda Gregg, George Gross, Pat Plesha, Mable Huddleston, Jessie Lewis, Shelby Masden, JoAnn Sut, Suzanne Titus, Dave Upchurch and Ed Yarbrough; **Grissom Elementary:** Willie Cross, Madonna Robbins, Geraldine Mares and Brenda Stewart; **Hosford Park Elementary:** Bill Wilson, Tammy Wood, Diane Mola and Betty Rowell; **Lake Ridge Middle School:** Tracy Delprado, Betty Fite, Greg Hernandez, Ernest Lewis, Don Savitski, Pam Stewart, Charles Ward and Rose Theisen; **Longfellow Elementary:** Rob Volk, John Dilbeck, Cary Doran, Barbara Joyner and Geraldine Toth.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND APPRECIATED WORK!





## STUDENTS FROM ENSWEILER ACADEMY WIN AT SCIENCE FAIR

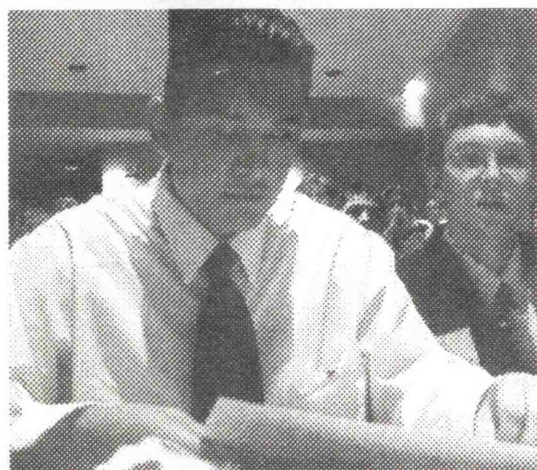
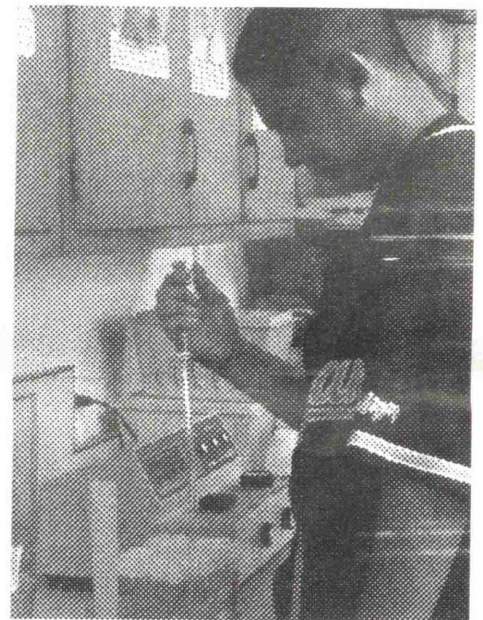


Maria Henderson and Raul Ortiz both won first place in their respective divisions at the Calumet Regional Science Fair held at Indiana University Northwest. This contest had approximately 235 projects entered from the Calumet area.

Maria's project "Do Acid Rain Gasses Affect Global Warming?" won a gold award for first place in the Senior Division Environmental Science, the Metric Society Award, one year of full internet service from Jorsm Internet Service in Dyer valued at nearly \$200.00, for the use of computers as an integral part of her scientific experiments, The American Meteorological Society Award, a tee shirt from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and a savings bond for fifty dollars from the American Association of University Women.



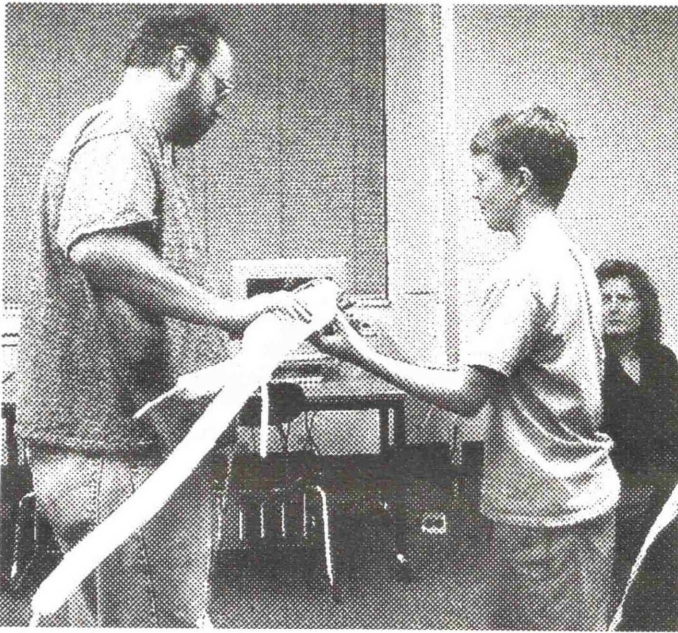
Raul Ortiz won first place gold award in the Senior Division of Health and Medicine for his project "Do Nitrites and Sulfites affect Growth and Development?", \$200 dollars and a plaque for the overall second place senior position at the Calumet Regional fair from Indiana University Northwest, a Kodak 35mm Camera and film for his use of photography to collect and present data, a US Army award, and expense paid trips to the Indiana State Science and Engineering fair in Indianapolis and to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit for further competition.



Raul Ortiz (pictured left at the State Science Fair) won a scholarship to Evanston College for \$4000-\$8000 per year at the Indiana State Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis. He will be going on to compete in the Intel International Science Fair that is held in Detroit in May to compete against approximately 1200 students from the United States and Canada and forty other countries. During the time that he is in Detroit he will attend a question and answer session with Nobel Laureates, participate in many activities especially planned for this years participants and visit Windsor, Canada.



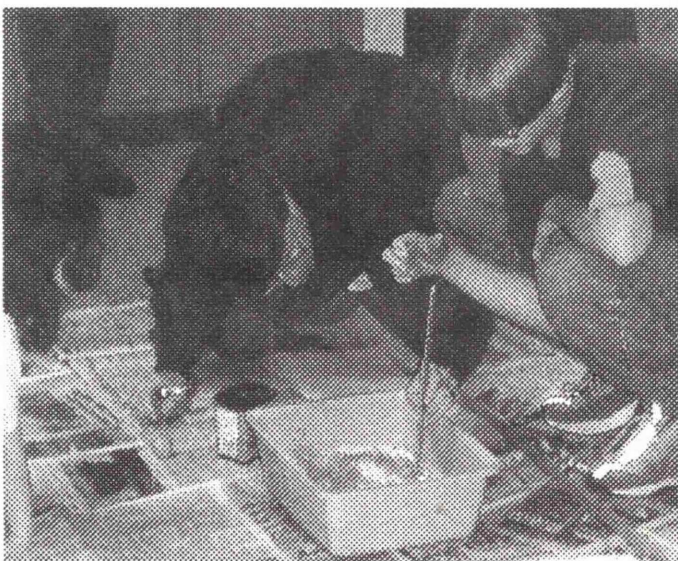
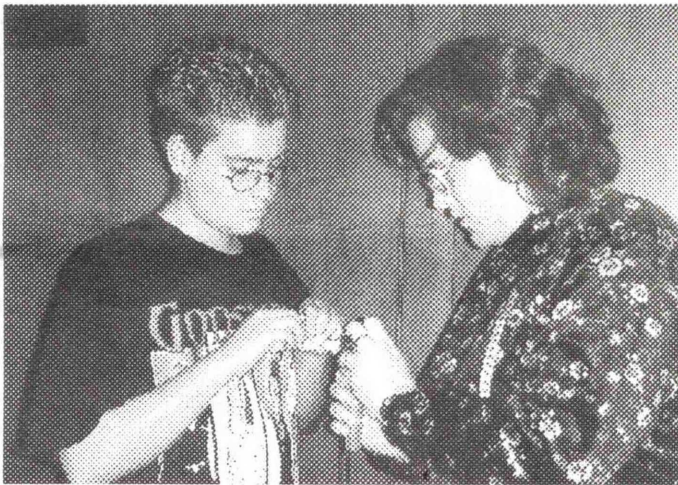
## SCIENCE AND COMPUTERS TEAM UP FOR FUN AND LEARNING AT LAKE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Every other Thursday evening parents and their children have met with teachers Kathryn Hedges of Ensweiler Academy and Greg Keehn and Jan Rozich of Lake Ridge Middle School to use computers in the new Discovery Center and study space science. We have used the materials distributed by NASA. We studied rocket propulsion, the relationship between the size and density of objects and the size of craters that they produce, and learned a little about the NASA space program and near earth astroids.

### THE LAKE RIDGE NEARLINK PROGRAM

Many of my classmates and I are in a program called NEARlink. This program was designed for students and there parents. We are learning about the NEAR space mission, the purpose of this mission is to track and study the asteroids Eros and Mathilde. The NEAR group has meetings every other Thursday in the NEW Discovery Center at Lake Ridge Middle School. The first project that we were assigned to do was to build a model of the NEAR spacecraft. If we thought that was hard the following meeting we were given a blank sheet of paper and told to make a rocket from scratch. After our rockets were finished, Mr. Keehn a teacher at L.R.M.S. blew up balloons so that we could launch our rocket. The balloons were then attached to our rockets the ends were cut off the balloons, and off they went. The rockets were measured for speed and distance. There were two winners who were both given prizes. During our time on this project the group has learned about the instruments aboard a spacecraft and what they do. I think this project has given us all a new understanding of NASA and its space programs. This project gave students a chance to work with their peers and parents. This was a great experience for everyone.





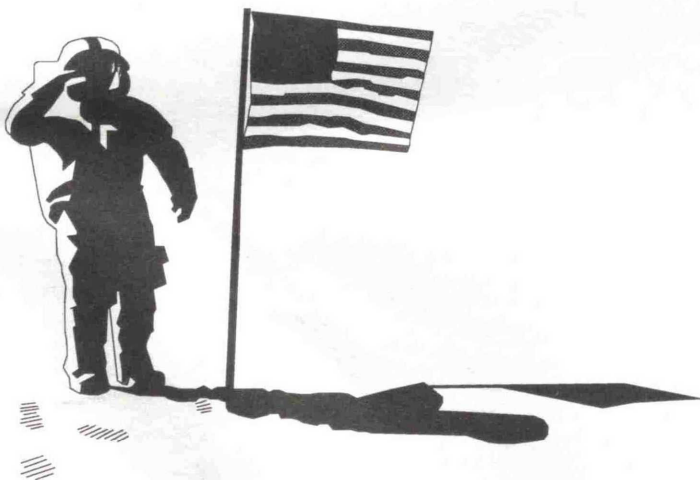
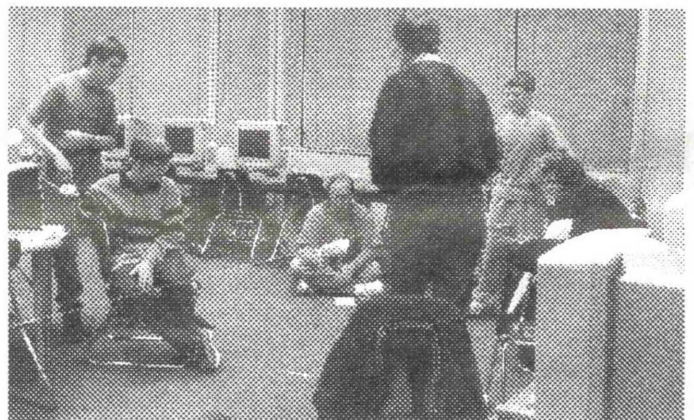
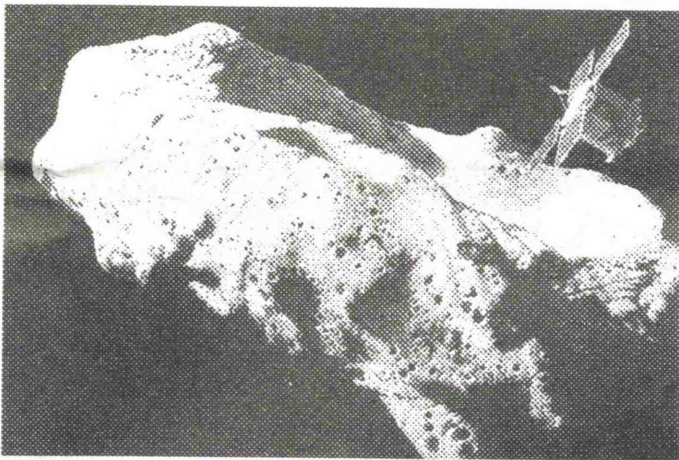
## NASA COMES TO LAKE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lake Ridge Middle School is participating in a NASA program called NEARlink. NEARlink is a space educational program based on the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous mission. This program focuses on science, math, and technology in the classroom. The program was conducted in three different sessions. Each session dealt with a different aspect of space technology.

We are learning about the NEAR spacecraft that is orbiting the asteroid Eros. The first meeting we learned about the NEAR spacecraft and we constructed a model of the NEAR spacecraft. During the next meeting, we had to construct miniature rockets out of paper. These rockets would be attached to and then, powered by balloons. Then, we taped them to a string and tried to find out whose rockets would go the farthest and the fastest. The results varied from spectacular, to backwards. We discovered that the more complicated your rocket is, the shorter a distance it will travel.

We also learned about the appearance of light depending on its distance. By cutting a rectangle in a piece of cardboard and taping it onto a flashlight, we were able to measure the light. This taught us how to measure and calculate mass.

This program allowed parents and their children work together. I feel that this program helped us learn teamwork and understand what NASA missions are meant to do.





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|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Black Oak         | 844-1920 |
| Ensweiler Academy | 838-4541 |
| Grissom           | 844-2255 |
| Hosford Park      | 980-3390 |
| Longfellow        | 923-7004 |
| Lake Ridge        |          |
| Middle            | 980-0730 |
| Calumet High      | 838-6990 |
| Education         |          |
| Center            | 838-1819 |
| Head Start        | 989-7823 |
| Adult Education   | 989-7816 |
| Questions about   |          |
| GED               | 838-1819 |
| Transportation    | 838-1819 |

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**MISSION  
STATEMENT  
LAKE RIDGE  
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The Mission of the Lake Ridge Schools, in cooperation with the parents and community, is to provide the opportunities and the resources for the academic, emotional, and social growth of our students, empowering them to be responsible, productive citizens in an increasingly complex global society.

**Calendar of  
Meetings**

NOTE: Dates are tentative—check for changes and exceptions. For example, most PTCs do not meet during January.

**Black Oak PTC**

Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Calumet PTC**

Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Grissom PTC**

Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Hosford Park PTC**

Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Longfellow PTC**

Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**School Board Meetings**

Second & Fourth Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

**Band Boosters**

Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Athletic Boosters**

Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.